Recd Nov 23d
Ans July 11th

90 Pine Street – N. York –
13 Novemr. 1845.

Dear Sir,

Your kind & welcome letter of the 25 Ulto. has been in my hands for several days, during which, however, I have been too unwell to write with Comfort – I may most truly say, that from all points of the Compass, I am overwhelmed with kindness, & sympathy – I never thought of beginning new Collections, & indeed, as I wrote you word, in August last, I had given up the idea – But it seems that the Amern. Botanists had determined otherwise, & with the true spirit of Naturalists, were exerting themselves, in all quarters, by Correspondence & otherwise, to repair my losses, so far at least, as they were able – Day by day, I have letters from entire strangers, informing me of their desire to contribute plants from their localities, & only in the past week Dr. Chapman of Flora. advised the shipment of 750 Sps! & the Revd. Mr. Curtis of N. Car. of nearly 500 Sps! to my address – Mr. Oakes, with his usual & unbounded liberality informs me that I am to receive from him "all the Plants of N. England & Dr. Gray has already loaded me heavily – Indeed, I have, at this time, his entire Collecn of Cyperaceæ & Gram. to select for myself, in these, my two favorite families, whatever can be spared — Dr Torrey has made me a similar offer, when leisure permits me to avail myself of it — These things are particularly gratifying to my feelings, & I might name 15 or 20 gentlemen who are equally exerting themselves on my behalf, without my solicitation! Your kind letter, announcing your friendly & generous intentions, is a Voice from the far West, where I have no personal friends, tho' Dr Short (unknown to me) has already kindly remembered me — I had a very fine Collecn of Westn Plants in my late Herb. amongst them complete sets of Drummonds' & Nuttalls from Ark. & Rocky Mts — In reply to your query I would say, that I shall not again attempt any Collecn of European plants, except of such Species, as belong also to this Continent, for the sake of Comparison — I got the Geyer plants from W. & p. for the $6 on rect. of your letter — They are, for the most part, handsome Specns & being put up in your handsome & careful way, are in good order — Of course, the plants are all known to me, but I proceed to submit one or two things to you in connection with this set, & I beg you to observe, once for all, that my remarks are never made in a spirit of cavil, but with a view to give & receive information for our mutual benefit - This is a plan I have always adopted with my botanl. Correspondents & I have worked diligently, tho' quietly, for many years.

21. Viola palmata - I too have my doubts about this as a species, but your westn. plant is by no means lobed as the plant of the N. & middle States - Our plant is much more decided in appearance - and does not occur in Vt. or N.H. where V. cucullta. is very abundant.

30. Malva Houghtonii T. & Gr. is Nuttall's M. cordifolia in Jour. Acad. Ph. 7 p. 98 - This I know from Nuttall himself, who sent me his plant, collected by Dr. Wray in Geo. - Nuttall's M. cordif. is therefore erroneously cited in T. & G. fl. under M. papaver, with which it has nothing to do - Nuttall's name must stand, unless there is one prior

87. Phacelia Purshii. Buckl. Yes - as to the plant, but your label is printed P. fimbra. of Mx. which it is not - This is the very Error I pointed out to Buckley when going thro' his plants with him -

91 - Gratiola aurea - Not our plant certainly; but it may possibly be of Muhl. tho' I think not - Our plant is not a fourth part of the size of yours, with dark orange flowers, & (writing from recollecn. only) with sharp serratures in the leaves -

124. Heleocharis tenuis - The Geyer Specns. have no fruit but I do not hesitate to say that it is not our plant by which I mean that of Torrey's Mon. Cyp. - Your plant seems to grow immersed, our's does not, but has a stiff, wiry 4-sided Culm about 6 to 8 inches high, with a white triangular nut

130 - Carex Willdenovii is Kunth's C. Steudelii, which is much more common in the West than C. Willd. perhaps you do not consider the species good - I hardly know what to say, but they seem generally distinct -

139. Panicum clandestinum is, I think, the depauperate autumnal form of your P. scoparium, or possibly your P. pubescens - The P. clandestinum of Torr. Fl. is the autumnal state of his P. pedunculatum - just as P. dichotomum is the reduced state of P. nitidum -

Please address any letters or parcels for me to the care of Cary & Co. 90 Pine St. N. Y. –

I am, Yrs. truly Jno Carey

If you have Psoralea floribunda, in flower or fruit I would like it, as the Geyer Specn. has only leaves, also mature fruit (which I wish to see) of Borya ligust. – You need not trouble yourself to send me any thing else in the Geyer Set –

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Dr George Engelmann
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133. Carex Meadii – The Geyer Specn. is young, but looks to me very like C. panicea – I suppose I shall have it from Dewey who has kindly written to me with an offer of Carices –

And now, Dear Sir, I must bring my long letter to a close, once again heartily thanking you for your kindness past, & prospective, & I only regret that (if even life & health are spared) it must be a long while before I can have any thing of interest to send you – I wish it were otherwise

Rec.d June 16
Ans July 11th

New York, 8 June 1846

My dear Sir, On the 13 Nov.r last, I had the pleasure to answer your very obliging letter of the 25 Oct.r wherein you signified your kind intention of selecting for me, at your leisure, a set of your western plants, with such of Lindheimer's Texan Species, as you might have to spare, not included in the set No. 19. which I purchased — Now, my dear Sir, I trust you will believe, what is strictly true, that in writing this letter I have neither desire nor intention to urge you forward to the completion of your friendly promise, which I well know you would not have made so frankly & spontaneously, without intending to fulfil it, when opportunity may serve; & few know better than I do, that it takes much time & trouble to put up Specimens with the care which you do — Moreover, having now, unfortunately nothing to offer you in exchange for your bounty, I should on that account especially, feel hurt that you should think me impatient, or troublesome — My sole object in writing to you now, is to say, that I gave my Specimen of Gentiana ochroleuca from Geyer's Ill. Plants, (No. 81.) to our friend Dr Gray who was about to publish a paper, on a new Species, confounded with this, & which you have of course seen — My little Set is thus rendered incomplete, & if you have any of Geyer's Ill. plants & labels left, you will oblige me by putting a Specn. of No. 81. into your package for me, whenever you may be sending it — be it sooner or later, & I again beg that you will not hurry or inconvenience yourself in the matter — Dr Short has contributed to my wants, most liberally, & Mr Curtis & Dr Chapman no less so — From Gray I get every thing which he has to spare, so that if I live a few Years, I may again get a respectable Collectn of Amern plants together, & to which I now confine myself.

However, it is to the bounty of my friends that I must be indebted, for I continue in too feeble health to collect myself, even if time permitted, which it does not — I suppose Mr Lindheimer is still in Texas, as I have not heard of his return, from our friend Gray — I expect he will have gleaned a rich harvest — I am, Dear Sir,

Yrs. truly
Jno Carey

Dr. Geo. Engelmann
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My present address is No. 90 Pine Street
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Dr Geo. Engelmann -
St. Louis -

New York - 20 Augt 1846 -

My dear Sir - I received, in due course, your esteemed letter of 11 Ulto. & some time afterwards the Box of plants came safely to hand - On the very same day I despatched it (with the 11 Packgs.) to our friend Dr Gray, whose acknowledgement of safe arrival only reached me yesterday, & I have been waiting for it, before writing you, that you might know all has gone well & safely - Of the 5 Packgs committed to my care I have to report as follows, -

Dr Torrey's - handed over to him -

Mr Saml. F. Carey (my Brother) delivered to him & the Money ($10 -) received from him, & remitted to Dr Gray, for your a/c.

Durand and Zantzinger } sent on to Phila. by Express - They paid me a proporn. of Chgs. here, to be collected in Phila - Of course I cannot receive what may be due to you from these gentlemen as they are unknown to me, & you say nothing about it in your letter -

Revd. M. A. Curtis' Parcel remains in my hands & will be forwarded to him, with some others, in a few days - It remains only to offer you my hearty thanks for the plants sent to myself & which I need scarcely say give me much satisfaction – I may probably hereafter advert to some of the specimens, but, at the moment, I have only to call your attention to the following –

"Veronica agrestis" is V. arvensis –

"Agrimonia parviflora, Ait." — not Aiton's plant, but var. δ. parviflora. of A. Eupator. T. & Gr. Fl. – See Syn.

"Prunus chicasa" – I think not – The leaves are long acuminate, & ~~[illegible]~~ umbels are 5 fld – I think your plant is P. americana Marsh, but I am not well acquainted with the true P. chicasa, tho' what I have always taken for it is quite different from what you send –

I hope hereafter to say something about Cyperaceae & in the meantime, renewing my thanks for your kindness, I am, My Dr Sir,

Yrs. truly

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Rec: June 11th

Dr. Geo. Engelmann
St. Louis -

New York 2d June 1848.

Dear Sir; Your letters of 27 Feby & 13 Ulto. reached me in due course, the last a fortnight since - Dr. Wislizenus will have informed you that the box of pamphlets reached me on the 11th. May, & I had written to our friend Dr. Gray to expedite the seeds - which of course he had not received prior to the arrival of your last letter. Upon enquiry I found nothing about to sail for Bremen before the Steamer "Hermann", which was to have left 3 days since, but her departure is now delayed until the 20th. inst. She will, however, arrive before any thing to sail from this port, in the meantime - I have written a letter (pr. Hermann) to Mr. Westhoff, enclosing the Bill of lading, & referring him to your instructions for the disposition of the Box - The freight & primage to be paid at Bremen will be $5.25/. the lowest sum charged for a package, however small - The expenses here are only for porterage 25¢ Bills of ladg & postge. to Bremen 37½¢ being in all 62½ cents - Some time ago, I removed my residence, & am now living 3 miles away from the shipping - if, therefore, you wish to send any thing to me hereafter, for shipment, you had better write to me first, & I will send you the name of some one of my friends down town to whom you can address the package - otherwise - if sent to my house, up town, & afterwards reconveyed down, you would incur a heavy charge for cartage - It was avoided in the case of Dr. Wislizenus' Box, as I went down town when I recd. his first letter of advice, & stopped it at the Express Office. Any parcel or letter for myself, please address hereafter to me, to the Care of Carey & Co. Pine Street N. Y. who forward my things to me by the daily carrier - I am obliged for your offered copy of Dr. W—'s interesting report, but as that Gentn. kindly sent me one from Washington, I did not open the Box, but shipped it, just as I received it - Thus much of business matters - Our mutual friend Dr. Gray was married on the 4th. Ulto. as you will probably have heard - The first Vol. of his very beautiful Gen. illust. is published, & no doubt in your hands before this - I heard from him 6 days ago, & he regrets that Mr. Fendlers plants & seeds had not reached him - I am glad to hear that you have good expectations as to your leisure for Botany during the current year - I always read your doings with much interest, & I also beg to thank you, in advance, for the small parcel of Specimens which you have been so kind as to lay by for me, & which will - I am sure - give me much pleasure, when you have an opportunity to forward them - I beg my respects to Dr. W— (tho' equally unknown with your goodself) & please say to him that his Report was duly recd. & also his 2d. letter from Washington for both of which I am obliged - I am, Dr. Sir Yrs truly

Jno Carey

Rec.d March 30th
Ans.d Sept 26 1851

Dr Geo. Engelmann

New York, 19 March 1849.

Dear Sir, About 3 weeks ago, I had the pleasure of receiving, through our mutual friend Dr Gray, your very interesting & valuable package of plants; & although I have little else to say, I cannot forbear troubling you with a line in the way of acknowledgment — I do, indeed, feel much indebted to your kind remembrance of me, & the European *Chenopodiaceæ*, which I applied to you for, are very welcome, as you will notice by the last number of Silliman's Journ. that I have been interesting myself with that order, & have detected a species heretofore unobserved, in the U.S. — I should have had the pleasure of sending you a copy of my little brochure, but I have not even one for myself, as Silliman has neglected to send me any, nor have I even seen it, since I corrected the proof — I have been looking at *Cyperaceæ* lately, & as there is a good deal to be done, in this family, my friend Dr Torrey wishes me to undertake a thorough revision of it, but it would be so long a job (& quite useless unless done carefully) that I shrink from undertaking it — at any rate for the present —

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I wish you would look at your European Specimens of Scirpus Baeothryon, L.
S. Halleri, Vill.
S. pauciflorus, Lightf.
Eleoch. pauciflora, Link. Lindl.
S. campestris, Roth.
Baeothryon parviflorum, Dietr.
Eleoch. Baeothryon, Nees, in Linn.
Limnochloa Baeothryon, Reichenb.

this synon.y is from Kunth & it is likely you may have the plant under several of these names, in your Herbarium. I suspect that one of Torrey's American species will turn out to be identical with this plant, & if you have any duplicates, under either of these names, I should be glad of them — Also, as you are no doubt rich in Texas things, I should like Torrey's Isolepis Drummondii, & any of the Texan (Drummond's) Cyperi, in Torrey's Supplement N. Am.n Cyp. as our friend Torrey has not got them in his own Her.m I make no scruple of asking you for these things, as I feel assured you will have pleasure in imparting them, where you have abundance, & whenever you are sending any thing to our friend Dr. Gray you can include an Envelope for me, which he will take care to forward to me safely. Indeed, I am in constant communication with him. Once more, begging you to accept my best thanks for your recent kindness,

I am, My dear Sir,
Resp.y & truly Yrs.
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Rec^d Nov 4
Ans Nov 24 1852

New York, 27 Oct^r. 1851.

[illegible] Callirhoe pedata

My dear Sir, The sight of your hand-writing, after so long a silence, afforded me unusual pleasure, as I feared that my very name had escaped your recollection. Tho' I do not pretend to have any great claim upon the notice of our naturalists, I am unwillin' to slip altogether out of their memory; & you, in particular, have been so long, & so importantly identified, in my mind, with our cherished pursuit, that it was with real satisfaction I received your note of the 25th ult^o.

I am, however, disappointed in not havin' been able to find Mr. Kiehl. He left your letter & package at the Countin'-House of Mess^rs. Cary & Co, where I found them, but did not, at the same time, leave his own address; which I greatly regret, as I am acquainted with the principal nurserymen here, & should have had particular pleasure in shewing any attentions, in my power, to any friend of yours. I have delayed, for ten days, an acknowledgment of your letter, in the hope that I might yet see Mr. Kiehl, but I fear that I must now give up the hope, as I know not how to find him.

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And now, my dear Sir, in what terms am I to express my thanks for the most interesting & valuable package which you have so very kindly sent to me? Really, I know not what to say! It is so out of my power to render you any return, from hence, that, to your most friendly recollection, alone, I feel that I am indebted for what I value so highly — & whilst I frankly accept your repeated, & most welcome contributions to my renewed herbarium, I must beg of you to believe that I do not receive them as mere matter of course, but am deeply, & gratefully sensible of your continued — & altogether unrequited liberality. The plants you now send me are particularly valuable, since untoward circumstances have prevented my purchasing collections, for some time past — & specimens from Texas — Califa. — & Mexico, I now only derive from your goodness, & the continual help of my valued friends Torrey & Gray. They are all very interesting to me, tho' I had scraps of many of them, but I am especially pleased to obtain Callirrhoe digitata of which I had, previously, only a theoretical knowledge. If, on some future occasion, you can spare a wild specimen of C. pedata, I should be very glad of it, since the cultivated plant given to me by Dr. Gray, does not seem to be, altogether, characteristic. You see, I am emboldened, by your kindness, to tax it still further, & I may mention, incidentally, that when an opportunity does not occur for Nyk. direct, you might include any package for me when you are sending to our friend Dr. Gray, with whom I am in constant communication. You know, of course, of his return, & I purpose making him a visit, shortly. Indeed, I shall probably spend part of the winter there, if, as I suspect, he is about to prepare a 2d Edn. of his "Manual", in which case, I may, perhaps, be of some little assistance to him. If any thing new turns up in the way of *Cyperacea*, especially *Carices* please bear me in mind. If you have any criticisms on my arrangement of the Northern Species, in Gray's Manual, I should be glad to have them in time for the 2d Edn. — I have no news for you, except that Dr. Torrey has sold his house in New Jersey, & is now, again, a resident of this city - This is very pleasant for me, as our intercourse will now be very frequent —

Once again, my dear Sir, I beg you to accept my very sincere thanks for your kindness, & believe me, truly, & gratefully Yours

Jno Carey

Dr. Engelmann

Do not forget me, if I can render you any services, here, as it would gratify me much to do so.

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Recd Nov 22d
Ans Nov 24

New York - 13 Novr 1852.

Dear Sir,

My present purpose is to inform you that I am returning to my native Country - England - with small prospect of ever revisiting the U. S.

I am unwilling, however, to forego this last opportunity of thanking you for the kindness & courtesies which I have received at your hands, during the period of our Correspondence - & I beg also to assure you of my very best wishes for your continued health & prosperity. I am D. Sir,

Respy & truly Yrs.
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